BG David D. Phillips is from Cleveland, Ohio. Following graduation from Bowling Green State University in 1980, he was commissioned in the Regular Army Officer as a lieutenant in the Military Police Corps. BG Phillips served in a myriad of assignments including platoon leader, detachment and company commander, TAC Officer, brigade operations and long range plans officer, battalion S3, battalion XO in both a CID and combat support MP Battalion, MP assignments officer and command program manager. In 1998, BG Phillips assumed command of the 720 Military Police Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas.

After attending the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, BG Phillips served as the Director of Security for the Army Staff at the Pentagon. He was serving in this position during the 11 September 2001 terrorist attack.

In 2002, BG Phillips returned to Fort Hood, Texas, and assumed duty as the Commander of the 89 Military Police Brigade and the Installation Provost Marshal. He deployed to the brigade combat in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom – II. While in Iraq, the brigade provided military police combat support across the theater including joint operations with the Iraqi Police. In addition, the brigade ran the Iraq National Police Academy producing over 6000 new police officers. The brigade also provided custody and control for the high value detainees including the former dictator of Iraq, Saddam Hussein. The brigade provided protective custody for the 3,800 members of the Mujahedin e-Khalq (MeK) and security of the central captured enemy ammunition facility at Camp Ashraf. Following brigade command, BG Phillips assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding Officer of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

In April 2006, BG Phillips was selected for promotion to Brigadier General and assumed duties as the Deputy Provost Marshal General of the Army. Recently, BG Phillips returned to Iraq as the Deputy Commanding General of the Civilian Police Assistance Training Team and is the senior military policeman in theater.

BG Phillips has a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College and a Master of Arts in Administration of Justice from Webster University. BG Phillips has received numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Combat Action Badge.